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REMARKS

Claim 1 is currently amended. Claims 3-9, and 65-81 were previously presented. Claim 2 was previously withdrawn. Claims 10-64 were previously cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-9, and 65-81 are pending examination.

Rejection of Claim 1 Under 35 USC §102(a)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by either Hydro-Quebec WO 02/27823 or Hydro-Quebec WO 02/27824 (collectively called the cited art below). The Office Actions cite the teachings in US2004/0033360 (Armand) as representing the teachings of WO 02/27823 and Hydro-Quebec WO 02/27824.

Claim 1 is amended to recite "the coating **consisting of** carbon from the source gas." Since Armand teaches a coating that comes from a mixture that is exposed to a gas, Armand does not teach that the coating consists of carbon from that gas. As a result, Armand does not teach every element of claim 1 and Armand does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 3-9, 65-81

Each of claims 3-9, and 65-81 depend from independent claim 1. Since independent claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance, Claims 3-9, and 65-81 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions.

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